

REMARKS

Claims 20-23, inclusive, have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 24-28, inclusive, have added. A Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(b) and (c), which Applicant believes overcomes non-statutory double patenting objections, is enclosed herewith.

Barry Katz, Robert DiGirolamo and Applicant's undersigned attorney, wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesy and assistance extended during a recent telephone interview regarding this application on November 17, 1998. The above supplemental amendment and how the claims now set forth Applicant's invention in terms wish distinguish it patentably over the art of record were discussed in detail at the interview. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and following comments which summaries the discussions with the Examiner.

Applicant's detailed comments concerning the Miller, Clever and Odle patents are presented in the Preliminary Amendment filed in the case and adequately set forth the patentable distinctions of Applicant's invention over the art in addition to the following statements.

In summary, none of the parents cited by the Examiner address the important aspect of Applicant's invention namely a truly verifiable surveillance system which is truly tamper-proof and, wherein the composite video and digital signals are coded and encrypted in a controlled manner so that they may be stored separately and the digital data superimposed on the recorded related video at a later time without obscuring the image.

It is believed that the claims now presented define patentably over the art of record and accordingly favorable consideration of these claims and passage of the case to issue is respectfully solicited. If, however, there are additional matters which require attention, Applicant's attorney respectfully request the Examiner to contact him via telephone in thereby expedite prosecution of this case.

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